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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

INFO CHJUSMAG ATHENS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, GR

SUBJECT: REPLY TO MAY 9 SHAFK LETTER TO CHJUSMAG

REF: A) STATE 120669, B) CHJUSMAG 171340Z MAY,

C) ATHENS 3660, D) ATHENS 3724

1. TO LARGE DEGREE WE HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO GREEK INTERESTS EXPRESSED IN SUBJECT LETTER BY CONSUMMATION OF A-7/T-2 SALE AND RELATED LETTER JUNE 13 FROM AMBASSADOR TASCA TO GOG DEFMIN OF (REF C) PLUS THE OFFER OF AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN FY 74 FMS CREDIT. HOWEVER, IF MISSION BELIEVES THAT SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO MAY 9 SHAFK LETTER IS STILL REQUIRED OR DESIRABLE, STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS PROPOSE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY CHJUSMAG. MISSION COMMENTS ARE INVITED.

2. "I HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES

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THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN

THE MODERNIZATION-OF THE EQUIPMENT OF THE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES SO THAT THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. I BELIEVE THAT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SALE OF UNITED STATES A-7 AND T-2 AIRCRAFT TO GREECE IS IMPORTANT IN THIS REGARD.

THE OFFER TO GUARANTEE AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN FY 1974 THROUGH FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM TOWARD THE F-4 PURCHASE IS ALSO AN INDICATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR HAF MODERNIZATION. SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY AND LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN UNITED STATES LEGISLATION, THE LEVEL OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND THE NECESSITY OF RECONCILING COMPETING PRIORITIES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THESE FUNDS, MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO OFFER GREECE ACCESS TO FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS AND/OR GUARANTEES IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF ENHANCING THE COMMON DEFENSE. WE ALSO REMAIN WILLING TO FACILITATE FMS CASH PURCHASES BY GREECE."

3. EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO SALE TO GREECE OF LONG SUPPLY AND EXCESS TERMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AT "LOWEST" OR "SYMBOLIC" PRICES HAS BEEN OMITTED TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN PAST OR THAT SALES TO GREECE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO PRICING PROCEDURES AND LEGISLATION APPLYING TO OTHER PURCHASERS. FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT AUTHORIZES SALES "FOR VALUE" AND DOES NOT PERMIT "SYMBOLIC" OR PREFERENTIAL PRICING. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO INSTRUCT APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF MISSION TO DISABUSE GOG AUTHORITIES OF ANY MISCONCEPTIONS ON THIS POINT INFORMALLY BUT FIRMLY. KISSINGER

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